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Former Santa Clarita Engineer Charged with Embezzlement

A former assistant engineer for the City of Santa Clarita is scheduled to be arraigned today on charges he embezzled more than \$533,000 over a three-year period, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

David Rubira (dob 10/27/75) will be arraigned in Department S at the San Fernando Branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$675,000 in case PA086999.

Deputy District Attorney Sean Hassett with the Public Integrity Division is prosecuting the case.

Between November 2012 and April 2015, Rubira allegedly fraudulently routed surety refunds to fictitious companies that he created. The refunds were supposed to go back to construction companies for completed city building projects.

The Newhall resident is charged with seven counts of embezzlement of public funds and one count of public officer embezzling for personal use, all felonies.

If convicted, Rubira faces up to 13 years, eight months in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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